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SUBJ: ZAMBIAN GOVERNMENT'S VIEWS ON US POLICY RE HORN OF AFRICA

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1. EMBASSY DOES NOT INTERPRET THE ZAMBIAN STATEMENT ABOUT THE NEED FOR SUPER POWERS TO REFRAIN FROM SUPPLYING ARMS IN THE HORN AS IMPLYING A BELIEF THAT THE U.S. IS CONTRIBUTING ARMS TO THE OGADEN CONFLICT (PARAS 1 AND 2 REFTEL A). ZAMBIAN OFFICIALS, INCLUDING THE PRESIDENT, WHO ARE DEALING WITH THE QUESTION OF THE HORN, ARE AWARE THAT SOVIETS ARE SUPPLYING ARMS TO ETHIOPIA AND THAT THE U.S. IS NOT SUPPLYING ARMS TO EITHER PARTY. LANGUAGE IN THE AIDE MEMOIRE CALLING FOR THE SUPER POWERS TO STOP INTERFERING IN THAT REGION (REFTEL B) IS, WE BELIEVE, DIRECTED AT THE SOVIET UNION. AS FAITHFUL MEMBERS OF THE NON-ALIGNED, HOWEVER, JOINT CONDEMNATION OF THE SUPER POWERS IS PART OF ZAMBIA'S STANDARD RHETORIC, AND DIRECT CRITICISM OF THE SOVIET UNION AND ITS ALLIES A RARITY. NO ONE HERE OR IN THE THIRD WORLD IS
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UNDER ANY ILLUSIONS ABOUT WHO THIS CRITICISM IS AIMED AT.

3. WE WILL SHARE WITH THE FRG EMBASSY REFTEL A AND ASK THAT USG POSITION ON THE HORN BE MADE CLEAR TO THE ZAMBIANS. IN OUR TURN WE WILL, AS WE HAVE IN THE PAST, CONTINUE AS THE OCCASION ARISES TO POINT OUT TO OUR CONTACTS THAT THE U.S. IS NOT MILITARILY INVOLVED IN THE HORN.

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